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Dear Friend:

It was nice to hear from you. I had commenced to wonder what had happened. I do not understand what you mean however, by saying baseball has the green light. I still feel a little pessimistic, and will until something is done in Washington about the manpower bill. At least we have not been told to stop, and that is something.

I just returned from the western league meeting in Chicago. Sentiment there is about the same as it is in our league. I had hoped to see you at one of the meetings.

Now about the training camp schedule. We have about decided when and where we will train. To be honest some of my men are afraid to quit there jobs to play ball. They are depending on me to make it all right with their draft board. In view of this situation I want to wait until the last minuet. Our league voted to open the season May 5th, and I have decided not to go to camp until April 6th. That will give us a month to get in condition. We have asked Posey to give us April 29th in Washington, but I am not too hopefull of getting it. You can understand why we want it I know. Up to now we have not made any commitments. Please write me right back, and tell me what you would offer or suggest from the 15th to the 30th. Maybe we could get in Virginia, Norfolk, Portsmouth etc, the first 2 or 3 days in May. One thing is sure I must get some spots that will be worth while to help with expenses in camp.

PLEASE answer me right back. Time is drawing near, opening day is really not very far off. We expect to have Willie Wells this year. Hope he will be an attraction. Will be looking to hear from you.

Very Truly Yours